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# **Mr. Dagg: Sophomore English Fall 2012 Email:** [**adagg@topeka.k12.ks.us**](mailto:adagg@topeka.k12.ks.us)

# **Course Description**

# Students will develop communication skills in writing, research, reading, speaking and listening

* Students will study poetry, short stories, novels, drama, essays, speeches, films and other works
* Students will write or present narrative, expository, and persuasive pieces.

# **Needed materials**

## Notebook with removable paper; pencil; pen with black or dark blue ink; handouts or other material for a particular unit; copies of books when we are working with them.

# **Literature**

## Literature for the semester will come from several sources: the textbook, some other individual books, and handouts.

# **Assignments/Grades**

**Grading Scale** A= 100-90 B=89-80 C=79-70 D=69-60 F=59-0

## The grades for the categories are weighted: ***practice/participation*** assignments are weighted at 30%; ***production/test assignments*** are weighted at 70%.

# **Absences and Late Work**

## When you miss class, it is your responsibility to find out your assignments. Students with excused absences will be given an opportunity to make up missed work. Assignments involving in-class participation may not be able to be made up outside of the class setting.

## If you are absent without being able to get assignments ahead of time, get your assignment the first day you are back in school, even if our class doesn't meet that day.

Missed assignments are due the next day you are in school, not the next day our class meets. On days when our class doesn't meet, you should turn in your assignment in my mailbox in the office in A Building. Work that is turned in late, except when delayed because of an excused absence, will receive reduced credit.

When a test or quiz is missed because of an excused absence, the test or quiz can be made up the following day in the ELC. Re-takes of some quizzes may be taken in the ELC; the score on the retake is averaged with the first score earned for the final grade on that quiz.

**www.daggsophengfall2012.wikispaces.com** is the web location where information about class work is posted. You can print out many handouts and other information from this location. When you are absent, or know you will be absent, check there first.

# **Tardies/Passes**

## Use the restroom, get a drink, go to your locker, or do other preparations before class.

## Come into the room ready to take your seat.

## Be in the classroom when the bell rings.

# **Classroom Policies**

## Expect all of the general school policies to be followed in our class.

## In our classroom, no food, food-like items (like snacks, candy) or drinks (pop, "energy" drinks, fruit juice) except plain bottled water with a lid on it are allowed, unless I provide them for the class.

## Electronic devices (cell phones, music players, games and any others) are not allowed to be either out or covertly used in class. Under some circumstances, I may give permission for someone to use an electronic device in class for instructional purposes. That will not mean that everyone has permission to use electronic devices in class.

# **Classroom Conduct**

Students are responsible to create and maintain a positive environment for learning.

Students will respect themselves, peers, teachers, and all school staff at all times.

**Consequences**

When there is a minor class disruption, students will usually receive a nonverbal and verbal warning before a disciplinary referral is given. Blatant offenses or open defiance may receive a referral without nonverbal or verbal warnings.

**Availability for Students and Parents**

I am a “traveling teacher” at Topeka West: this semester I teach 1st and 2nd hours in B203, Charger Time and 3rd and 4th hours in the Library Media Center, and 7th and 8th hours in B206. The best time to meet with me is after school in the Media Center until 3:45 P.M. E-mail is the most reliable way to contact me ([adagg@topeka.k12.ks.us](mailto:adagg@topeka.k12.ks.us)) since I am not near my telephone during much of the day (785-438-4099).

**Class Guide Assignment (20 points, production/test)**

I have read this class guide and accept the expectations and guidelines for the class.

I will contact Mr. Dagg if I have concerns with the guidelines for this class.

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